

20 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

THROUGH : Mr. Lloyd

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SUBJECT : Secrecy Agreement [redacted]
Change 2)

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 12 Sep 55 to DD/S from SPA-DD/S,
same subject DDC 55-2282

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1. [redacted] attack upon the subject regulation is almost as involved as his target. In brief, he challenges both the readability and the legality of the regulation, i.e., the Secrecy Agreement.

2. The regulation is probably no less comprehensible than a fair number of similar ones which bear the mark of the legal hand and mind. I have always assumed that regulations which may ultimately wind up in a lawyer's or judge's hands or possibly at the CSC require detailed attention by our own legal talent to ensure that the regulation is legally acceptable. Unfortunately, legal language is not always in keeping with the basic tenets of "Plain Letters" and readability is easily compromised. I would say that in this instance [redacted] feels the compromise is too great. Insofar as cited passages are concerned, I believe this is a side issue and does not warrant too much attention.

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3. The main issue concerns legality and alleged contradictions within the regulation; this would be best evaluated by General Counsel and I suggest [redacted] memo be turned over to that Office for review and an opinion. I am sure John Warner will be interested for he worked on the initial regulation.

4. Recommend signature on the attached memo to General Counsel.

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